

**TOWN OF CRANBERRY ISLES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE WARRANT 2014**

**State of Maine
County of Hancock, §**

To: A Constable of the Town Of Cranberry Isles, in said County

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town Of Cranberry Isles, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Islesford Neighborhood House, in said town, on the 15th day (Third Saturday) of March AD 2014 at 8:30 A.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article:

1. To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To elect by ballot a Town Clerk for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Recommended: \$6825

3. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will approve the use of the Maine Municipal Association's recommended Maine Moderator's Manual "Rules of Procedures" for the conduct of this Town Meeting.
4. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will approve opening the floor of this Town Meeting to all non-registered persons for the purpose of discussion only on each of the following articles of this 2014 warrant.
5. To elect by ballot a Selectman for the term of three years. (Term expiring: Phil Whitney)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2017)

6. To vote compensation for all the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Recommended: \$2,000 for the chairperson, \$1,700 for others.

7. To elect by ballot a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Recommended: \$9,975

8. To elect by ballot a Collector of Taxes and Collector of Excise Taxes for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Recommended: \$25,725

9. To elect by ballot a member of the Superintending School Committee for a term of three years. (Term expiring: Kelly Sanborn, who was appointed to replace Katherine Chaplin, who resigned in 2013).

For information of the voters: The elected membership of this committee is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Island</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
Barbara Meyers, (Chair)	Great Cranberry	2016
Katelyn Damon	Little Cranberry	2015
Kelly Sanborn	Great Cranberry	2014

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2017)

10. To elect by ballot two (2) members of the Municipal Advisory Commission, which consists of seven elected volunteer property owners or registered voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles, who shall serve a period of three years each? (Terms expiring: Jeff Berzinis and Katelyn Damon).

For information of the voters: The elected membership of this Committee is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Island</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
Ron Axelrod, Chairman	Islesford	2016
Jeff Berzinis	Great Cranberry	2014
Katelyn Damon	Islesford	2014
Malcolm Donald	Great Cranberry	2016
Karin Whitney	Great Cranberry	2015
James Amuso	Islesford	2015
Corey Duggan	Islesford	2016

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2017)

Ballot: _____ (term expiring 2017)

11. To vote the hourly rate of pay for Town Officials and Employees

Recommended: \$12 to \$25, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, based on the type of work performed.
12. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of 7 percent (7%) APR on all 2014 taxes not paid by December 01, 2014. Municipalities may, by vote, determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during taxable year 2014 until those taxes are paid in full. The maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, MRSA §505.4 is 7 percent (7%) APR.
13. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to allow a two percent (2%) discount on all taxes which are paid in full within thirty (30) days of the date shown on the original bill as submitted by the Tax Collector.
14. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2015, February 2015, and March 2015 equal in aggregate to three twelfths (3/12ths) of the Operator's Budget approved for the Year 2014. This authorization will permit the Treasurer to prepare Financial Warrants for approval by the Board of Selectmen, prepare checks, and legally pay bills pending approval of the entire Operations Budget by the Voters in March 2015.
15. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the Municipal Officer to borrow no more than \$610,000 to finance the costs to renovate, repair, and improve the Ashley Bryan and Longfellow school buildings and related facilities (the "Project"), and further to authorize the municipal officers to issue general obligation bonds of the Town as security for the financing, and to take any and all actions, including but not limited to the expenditure of the borrowed funds described above as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the Project. **Written Ballot Vote**

Treasurer's Financial Statement
Town of Cranberry Isles

1. Total Town Indebtedness as of Town Meeting Date:	
A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$1,963,645
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 0
Bonds to be issued under this Town Meeting Article Total:	\$610,000
TOTAL DEBT IF PASSED:	\$2,573,645

2. Costs: At an estimated interest rate of 3.66% for a term of ten (10) years, The estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 610,000
Interest:	\$ 123,000
Total Debt Service:	\$ 733,000

3. Validity: The validity of the bonds is not affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the approval by the municipal officers is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.


Denise McCormick, Treasurer

SCHOOLS (16A – 16Q)

Note: Articles 16A through 16K authorize expenditures in cost center categories

- 16A. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
School Committee recommends \$258,635
Note: 2013-14 Amount was \$ 261,075
- 16B. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
School Committee recommends \$ 26,477
Note: 2013-14 Amount was \$ 35,155
- 16C. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
School Committee recommends \$ -0-
Note: 2013-14 Amount was \$ -0-
- 16D. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
School Committee recommends \$ 8,342
Note: 2013-14 Amount was \$ 8,157
- 16E. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
School Committee recommends \$ 19,784
Note: 2013-14 Amount was \$ 18,511

- 16F. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
- School Committee recommends **\$ 13,993**
- Note: 2013-14 Amount was \$14,232*
- 16G. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
- School Committee recommends **\$ 31,787**
- Note: 2013-14 Amount was \$24,489*
- 16H. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
- School Committee recommends **\$ 36,600**
- Note: 2013-14 Amount was \$35,000*
- 16I. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
- School Committee recommends **\$ 161,925**
- Note: 2013-14 Amount was \$137,334*
- 16J. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
- School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**
- Note: 2013-14 Amount was \$-0-*
- 16K. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
- School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**
- Note: 2013-14 Amount was \$-0-*
- Note: Articles 16A – 16K authorize a total budget of \$ 557,543***
Note: 2013-14 Total Budget was \$ 533,953

Hand Count Required

Note: Articles 16L, 16M & 16N raise funds for the Proposed School Budget

- 16L. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommend \$165,780**) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

School Committee recommends **\$ 157,545**

Explanation: The Town of Cranberry Isles's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Hand Count Required

- 16M. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town of Cranberry Isles' contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Town of Cranberry Isles' long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The borrowing of this long-term debt was approved by the voters in Article 15.

Written Ballot Vote Required

- 16N. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$ 326,368**) for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend: \$ 322,830**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The School Committee recommends **\$ 326,368** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$ 322,830**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2014-2015 budget.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Cranberry Isles's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town of Cranberry Isles's budget for educational programs.

Note: Articles 16L, 16M & 16N raise a total town appropriation of **\$ 483,913**
Note: 2013-14 Total Town Appropriation was \$ 432,187

Hand Count Required

Note: Article 16O summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures

- 16O. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee recommends **\$ 557,543**
Note: 2013-14 Total Budget was \$533,953

- 16P. In addition to the amount in Articles 16A – 16O, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2014-2015 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Current Year Totals: \$ 23,000 School Committee recommends passage.

- 16Q. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the school committee to have the Ashley Bryan School remain open for the 2014- 2015 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately eleven students.

School Committee recommends passage.

- 16R. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the school committee to have the Longfellow School remain open for the 2014-2015 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

School Committee recommends passage.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend funds in the amount of up to two hundred two thousand dollars (\$202,000) for capital roads projects on Great Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Selectmen to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town; expend the funds; and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

18. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate and expend thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for capital maintenance projects on the Town Dock, Great Cranberry Island, and to further authorize the Selectmen to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town; expend the funds; and all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Note: Passage of this article will allocate additional funds for needed maintenance projects on the Great Cranberry Island Town Dock. There is fifty-nine thousand, nine hundred seventy- three dollars, eighty-three cents (\$59,973.83) available in reserve for such projects. Cost estimates from the study conducted November/December 2013 identifies eighty-five thousand three hundred ten dollars (\$85,310) in needed repairs. The Town is also planning additional improvements with the addition of a fourth finger float and construction of four new ladders. The additional funds will cover the difference in cost over and above the reserve balance. Work on the dock is anticipated to start spring 2014.

19. To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five (5) month lease agreement in 2014 with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, Maine for use of the church land on Joy Road in Northeast Harbor, Maine, for parking of residents of, and visitors to, the Cranberry Isles.
20. Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine Ordinance for Use or Lease of Public Property" be enacted?
21. **FUTURE TOWN MEETING**

To see if the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting in 2015, on 14, March 2015 at the Great Cranberry Island Fire House, Great Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 9:00 A.M.
22. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$819,241.75 established for the Town of Cranberry Isles by State law in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.
23. To see what sum the voters of the Town Of Cranberry Isles will vote to raise and appropriate for each function of Town operations as shown in the Operations Budget. Each function shall be voted upon separately.

2014 TOWN OPERATIONS BUDGET RECOMMENDED DEPT. TOTAL

Dept. 51 – General Government

327,400

Town Office: Rent & Utilities	15,765
Office Supplies & Postage	5,500
Administrative Expenses	10,000
Insurance	10,000
Legal	18,000
Accounting	4,500
Web Site	1,200
Selectmen Compensation	5,400
Contingency Fund	20,000
Printing	3,000
Treasurer / Tax Collector / Clerk	42,525
Elections	1,800
HCPC Dues	610
Tax Assessor	27,000
Revaluation Reserve	53,000
Administrative Assistant	41,600

Deputy Clerk / Treasurer	20,000
Public Safety Coordinator	19,500
Payroll Taxes	12,000
Employee Health Benefits	15,300
Retirement Obligation	700

Dept. 52 – Public Safety

126,500

Fire Dept. Zone 1 (GCI)	
Utilities	1,900
Heating Oil	5,000
Gasoline	300
Insurance	4,000
Community Safety Program	1,300
Training	10,000
Equipment	10,000
Maintenance	2,000
Dry Hydrant	3,000
Septic System Repair	18,000

Fire Dept. Zone 2 (Islesford)	
Utilities	1,800
Equipment	10,000
Heating Oil	3,000
Gasoline	300
Insurance	5,300
Training	5,000

Fire Dept. Zone 3 (Sutton)	
Portable Pump	4,600

C.I. Rescue Service	
Little Cranberry Island	
Ambulance	500
Supplies	2,000
Stipend	2,000
Training	1,200
Medical Clearance/Vaccines	500
Insurance	1,000
EMS Conference	5,500

Great Cranberry Island	
Ambulance	1,000
Supplies	2,000
Stipend	2,000
Training	500
Medical Clearance/Vaccines	500

Insurance	1,000
EMS Conference	1,000
911 Services	1,100
Streetlights	5,500
Animal Control Officer	1,000
Equipment	200
Training	500
Constable	
Compensation	5,000
Admin. Expense	500
Harbormaster	2,000
Training	500
Insurance	4,000

Dept. 53 – Health & Sanitation

101,635

Solid Waste	
Sutton	5,000
Contracts	62,000
Barging	1,000
Tipping Fees	14,000
Hazardous Waste	3,500
Capital Improvements	1,000
Permits	535
Electricity	800
CEO / Plumbing Inspector	8,500
Alternate CEO / LPI	2,000
General Assistance	2,000
Supplies	500
Health Officer	800

Dept. 54 – Public Transportation

335,708

Town Roads	
Maintenance	36,000
Capital Improvements	202,000
Engineering	5,000
Snow Removal	
Compensation	5,000
Salt / Sand	8,000
GCI Contract	14,200
Town Truck	
Gas	1,000
Insurance	800
Maintenance	2,000
Garage Heating Oil	1,100
Garage Maintenance	500

Commuter Service	60,108	
Dept. 55 – Schools		1,167,343
Dept. 56 – Donations		22,800
GCI Library	4,000	
Islesford Library	4,000	
GCI Community Center	3,000	
Islesford Neighborhood House	3,000	
Cranberry House	3,000	
Island Explorer	500	
NEH Library	300	
NEH Ambulance	1,000	
Life Flight	2,000	
Human Service Donations	500	
Hospice of Hancock County	500	
C.I. Education Fund (scholarship)	1,000	
Dept. 57 – Debt Service		343,635
SWH Parking – Taxable Bond	43,053	
SWH Parking – Tax Exempt Bond	123,707	
LCI Municipal Garage	22,610	
LCI Roads Capital	37,420	
LCI Pumper Truck	10,985	
LCI Attacker Truck	25,460	
County Tax	81,100	
Dept. 58 - Municipal Facilities		227,650
Teleconference	200	
NEH Parking Lot		
Snow Removal	3,800	
Lease	39,500	
Joy Road Parking Lot		
Insurance	750	
Lease	4,000	
Manset Parking Lot		
Grounds	4,000	
Maint. & Improvements	4,000	
Snow Removal	2,000	
Insurance	3,200	
SWH Property Tax	22,000	
Enforcement	5,000	
Warehouse / Apartment		
Utilities	2,700	
Insurance	2,000	

NOTICE

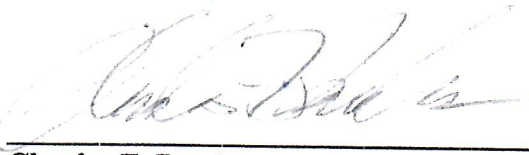
The Registrar of Voters, Denise McCormick, gives notice that she will be in the Cranberry Isles Town Office, 59 Main Street, Islesford, Maine on the 12, 13, and 14 of March 2014 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., and at the Islesford Neighborhood House on the day of the meeting, March 15, at 8:15 A.M. for the purpose of correcting the list of voters for said Town.

*State Law now requires new voters to show I.D. and Proof of residency.

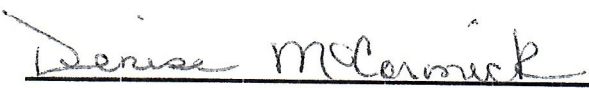
Given under our hand and Town seal this 4th day of February, 2014.


Richard F. Beal, Chairman


Phil A. Whitney


Charles F. Dunbar

Attest: I, Denise McCormick, Clerk of the Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine do hereby attest and certify this document to be a true and copy of the Warrant 2014 to be placed before the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles on 15 March 2014.


Denise McCormick